

FARM AND GARDEN

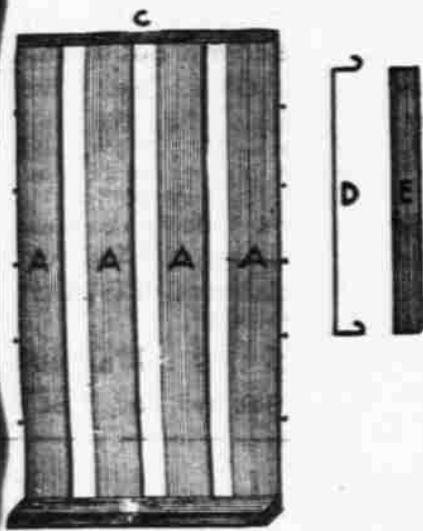
IN THE APIARY.

A Californian's Account of Extracting Honey From Box Hives.

A California apiarist, who worked over an old apiary the past season and extracted more than 1,000 pounds of honey from the old boxes, gave his experience, through The American Bee Journal, as follows:

I cut four pieces of lath, A, A, A, A, the length of the hive frames, and a cleat (B) an inch square and as long as the width of the frames, and a small cleat (C) the same length, and nail them together as shown in the illustration, and along the outer edges of the outside lath drive some small nails about three inches apart, letting the heads project one-quarter inch. A pair of these pallets will be needed, and if one has an assistant two pairs will be required.

I now cut the combs to fit the frames as nearly as practicable, and lay a piece on the pallet so as to rest against the cleat B, and if there is room I put another piece on the pallet resting against the first piece. I now uncap the upper



DEVICE USED IN EXTRACTING HONEY.

side of these pieces, and with a clamp (D) I fasten each piece by laying the clamp across the piece near its upper end and hook it over the projecting nails. The clamp should be narrow enough to bind rather tightly on the comb. I then lift the pallet by the cleat C, and set it in the extractor. After extracting I turn the comb on the pallet, uncap and extract the other side. Any thin board will answer for the pallets instead of lath, but the lighter the better.

For fastening these extracted combs in the frames I use the clamp E. I do not know but beekeepers generally have used such clamps, but as far as I know they use pegs, strings and other devices equally unhandy. There is an abundance of wire suitable for making clamps lying around here that has been used in baling hay. The clamps should be just large enough to go over the outside of the frames from top to bottom. As soon as the combs are stuck by the bees the clamps can be taken off and used again.

Sorting Potatoes.

A correspondent of The Practical Farmer says that this operation may be made easy by constructing a box 12 feet long and 4 feet wide, like the illustration, with three partitions. The back piece should be about 4 feet high,



THREE GRADE POTATO SORTER.

the next 3 feet, and the next 1 1/2 feet high. Nail pickets on for screens. Put them rather close together on the first incline, and farther apart on the second. This sorts them in three grades. Shovel them on the top or first incline and poke them down, and you have them sorted in three grades.

Athenian Humor.

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